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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTCommissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The present invention has been subject to an election of species requirement in which applicants are asked to elect one of the following patentably distinct species: (1) a porous CDO film and (2) a non-porous CDO film.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, species No. 1 (porous CDO film) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 34, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45-53 and 55-57 read on the above species.

If any fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response to Election of Species Requirement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 500388 (Order No. NOVLP088).

Respectfully submitted,
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